IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

SAKAMOTO et al.

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For: POLISHING CLOTH FOR CHEMICAL MECHANICAL POLISHING, AND

CHEMICAL MECHANICAL POLISHING APPARATUS USING SAID CLOTH

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DRAWING CORRECTIONS

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

May 11, 2001

Sir:

The Examiner's approval of the drawing corrections to Figures 6-8 shown in red ink on the attached copy, is respectfully requested. Upon receipt of approval of the drawing corrections, and a formal Notice of Allowance, appropriate corrected formal drawings will be filed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures: Figures 6-8